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10:00 AM

8:14-13214 Joseph Francis Bartholomew

Chapter 11

Adv#: 8:14-01234 Harper et al v. Bartholomew

#1.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint to determine dischargeability of debt [11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(4)] (cont'd from 7-07-16)

Docket 1

### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16: Why no status report?

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Tentative for 7/7/16:

Status Conference continued to July 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. to coincide with withdrawal motion.

Tentative for 10/29/15:

See #s 1-3.

Tentative for 3/26/15:

Continue to October 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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Tentative for 11/6/14:

Deadline for completing discovery: February 28, 2015 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: March 16, 2015 Pre-trial conference on: March 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

### **Party Information**

### **Debtor(s):**

Joseph Francis Bartholomew

Represented By

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M Jonathan Hayes

**Defendant(s):** 

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

BG&S Management Consultants Represented By

Alexander J Kessler

Brian Harper Represented By

Alexander J Kessler

Timothy Harper Represented By

Alexander J Kessler

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

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Chapter 11

Adv#: 8:14-01236 McCashin, II et al v. Bartholomew

#2.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint to determine (1) The non-dischargeability of debt and for (2) Damages, including attorneys' fees, costs and other relief [11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B), (a)(4) and (a)(6) (con't from 7-07-16)

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:** 

Tentative for 11/10/16: Why no status report?

Tentative for 7/7/16:

So the arraignment has still not occurred? What is the approximate timeline? Is the matter to be litigated or not?

Tentative for 10/29/15:

See #1-3, 12, 13.

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Tentative for 5/7/15:

In view of recent stay, continue to October 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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Prior Tentative:

Deadline for completing discovery: April 1, 2015 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: April 20, 2015 Pre-trial conference on: May 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

### **Party Information**

### **Debtor(s):**

Joseph Francis Bartholomew

Represented By

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**Defendant(s):** 

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Pro Se

**Interested Party(s):** 

Courtesy NEF Represented By

M Jonathan Hayes

M Jonathan Hayes

**Plaintiff(s):** 

James McCashin III Represented By

Benjamin Nachimson

James McCashin II Represented By

Benjamin Nachimson

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

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8:14-13214 Joseph Francis Bartholomew

Chapter 11

Adv#: 8:14-01236 McCashin, II et al v. Bartholomew

#3.00 REVIEW HEARING /STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Defendant's Motion to Stay Adversary Action Pending Resolution of Criminal Proceedings (set from motion to stay adversary held on 3-5-15) (cont'd from 7-07-16)

Docket 18

<b>Tentative Ruling:</b>
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Tentative for 11/10/16:

Why no updated status report?

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Tentative for 7/7/16:

See #4.1. So the arraignment has still not occurred? What is the approximate timeline? Is the matter to be litigated or not?

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Tentative for 10/29/15:

See #1-3, 12, 13.

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Tentative for 3/5/15:

See #8.

**Party Information** 

**Debtor(s):** 

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Represented By

Dana M Douglas

**Defendant(s):** 

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Represented By

M Jonathan Hayes

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**Interested Party(s):** 

Courtesy NEF Represented By

M Jonathan Hayes

**Interim Trustee(s):** 

Mainstreet Limited Ventures, LLC Represented By

Robert H Dewberry

**Plaintiff(s):** 

James McCashin III Represented By

Benjamin Nachimson

James McCashin II Represented By

Benjamin Nachimson

**Trustee(s):** 

John M Wolfe (TR) Represented By

David M Goodrich

**U.S.** Trustee(s):

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### 8:14-13214 Joseph Francis Bartholomew

Chapter 11

Adv#: 8:14-01237 LaPrima Investments LTD et al v. Bartholomew

#4.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: First Amended Complaint: (1) To except debt from discharge for false pretenses, false representation, and/or actual fraud pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(2); (2) to except debt from discharge for willful and malicious injury pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(6) (con't from 7-07-16)

Docket 33

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

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	Tentative for 11/10/16: Status?
	Tentative for 7/7/16: Status Conference continued to July 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. The parties should be prepared to propose a timeline for disposition of this matter.
	Tentative for 10/29/15: See #1-3, 13, 14.
	Tentative for 5/7/15: Continue to October 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
	Prior Tentative: Deadline for completing discovery: February 1, 2015

### **Party Information**

Last date for filing pre-trial motions: February 16, 2015 Pre-trial conference on: March 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

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**Creditor Atty(s):** 

John and Pamela Korn Pro Se

John and Pamela Korn Pro Se

**Debtor(s):** 

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Represented By

M Jonathan Hayes

**Defendant(s):** 

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Pro Se

**Interested Party(s):** 

Courtesy NEF Represented By

M Jonathan Hayes

**Plaintiff(s):** 

LaPrima Investments LTD Represented By

Michael B Kushner

John and Pamela Korn Represented By

Michael B Kushner

Allen Weiss Represented By

Michael B Kushner

Westdale Construction Co. Limited Represented By

Michael B Kushner

Browside International Limited Represented By

Michael B Kushner

**U.S.** Trustee(s):

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#5.00 REVIEW HEARING/STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Defendant's Motion to Stay Adversary Action Pending Resolution of Criminal Proceedings (set from motion to stay adversary held on 3-5-15) (cont'd from 7-07-16)

Docket 16

### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16:

Nothing new for November 10, 2016 (as of November 1, 2016). Stay dissolved on July 7, 2016. Off calendar?

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Tentative for 7/7/16:

So without a Status Report, the court is at a loss. Will this matter be litigated or not?

Tentative for 10/29/15:

See #1-3, 13, 14, 15.

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Tentative for 3/5/15:

See #8.

#### **Party Information**

#### **Creditor Atty(s):**

John and Pamela Korn Pro Se

John and Pamela Korn Pro Se

**Debtor(s):** 

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Represented By

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<b>Defendant(s):</b>			
Joseph Francis Bartholomew	Represented By M Jonathan Hayes Michael B Kushner		
<b>Interested Party(s):</b>			
Mainstreet Limited Ventures, LLC	Represented By Robert H Dewberry		
Courtesy NEF	Represented By M Jonathan Hayes		
Plaintiff(s):			
Allen Weiss	Represented By Michael B Kushner M Jonathan Hayes		
John and Pamela Korn	Represented By Michael B Kushner M Jonathan Hayes		
Browside International Limited	Represented By Michael B Kushner M Jonathan Hayes		
LaPrima Investments LTD	Represented By Michael B Kushner M Jonathan Hayes		
Westdale Construction Co. Limited	Represented By Michael B Kushner M Jonathan Hayes		
<u>Trustee(s):</u>			

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John M Wolfe (TR)

Represented By

David M Goodrich

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**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

United States Trustee (SA)

Pro Se

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8:14-13214 Joseph Francis Bartholomew

Chapter 11

Adv#: 8:14-01240 Stevens MD v. Bartholomew

#6.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint: (1) To Determine Debt to be Non-Dischargeable Under 11 USC Section 523 (a)(2); (2) To Determine Debt to be Non-Dischargeable Under 11 USC Section 523 (a)(4); (3) To Determine Debt to be Non-Dischargeable Under 11 USC Section 523 (a)(6)\( (set from s/c held on 11-13-14) (cont'd from 7-07-16 )

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#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16: Status?

Tentative for 7/7/16:

Status Conference continued to July 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. The court needs a proposal as to how this matter should be scheduled.

Tentative for 10/29/15:

The court will grant one more extension of the stay through a continued status conference on same terms. How long?

Tentative for 3/5/15:

See #12.

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Tentative for 11/13/14:

Deadline for completing discovery: February 1, 2015 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: February 16, 2015 Pre-trial conference on: March 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

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Refer to mediation. Order appointing mediator to be lodged by plaintiff within 10 days. One day of mediation to be completed by February 1, 2015.

**Party Information** 

**Debtor(s):** 

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Represented By

M Jonathan Hayes

**Defendant(s):** 

Joseph Frances Bartholomew Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Grant Stevens MD Represented By

Andrew P Altholz

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

United States Trustee (SA) Represented By

Nancy S Goldenberg

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### 8:14-13214 Joseph Francis Bartholomew

Chapter 11

Adv#: 8:15-01018 Mainstreet Limited Ventures, LLC v. Bartholomew

#7.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint to Determine Dischargeability of Debt (62 (Dischargeability - 523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud)),(67 (Dischargeability - 523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny)),(68 (Dischargeability - 523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury)) (con'd from 7-07-16)

Docket 1

### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16:

Status?

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Tentative for 7/7/16:

Status Conference continued to July 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. The court needs a proposal as to how this matter should be scheduled.

Tentative for 10/29/15:

The court will grant one more extension of the stay through a continued status conference on same terms. How long?

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Tentative for 4/23/15:

Continue to October 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to assess results of criminal matter.

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Joseph Francis Bartholomew

Represented By Dana M Douglas

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**Defendant(s):** 

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Pro Se

**Interested Party(s):** 

Courtesy NEF Represented By

M Jonathan Hayes

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Mainstreet Limited Ventures, LLC Represented By

Robert H Dewberry

**Trustee(s):** 

John M Wolfe (TR)

Represented By

David M Goodrich

John M Wolfe (TR) Pro Se

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

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8:14-13214 Joseph Francis Bartholomew

Chapter 11

Adv#: 8:15-01018 Mainstreet Limited Ventures, LLC v. Bartholomew

#8.00 REVIEW HEARING/STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Defendant's Motion to Stay Adversary Action Pending Resolution of Criminal Proceedings (set from motion to stay adversary held on 3-5-15) (cont'd from 7-07-16)

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### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16: Status?
Tentative for 7/7/16: Continued to July 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. The court needs a proposal as to how this matter should be scheduled.
Tentative for 10/29/15:
Same as #1 and 2. How long an extension on same terms?

Tentative for 3/5/15:

This is Debtor/Defendant's motion for a stay of this adversary proceeding until a parallel criminal proceeding is completed. This adversary proceeding was filed on 1/20/15. On 11/20/14, Debtor was arrested on felony charges based on allegations of a scheme to defraud investors. Debtor remains incarcerated and has been denied bail. The complaint in this adversary proceeding asserts claims under section 523(a)(2), (4) and (6) based on what appear to be allegations similar to those in the criminal case. Plaintiff has filed a limited opposition, requesting a status conference in nine months to review the status of the case and that the stay is limited to pursuing discovery, motions not involving testimony of debtor. Debtor's reply states that bankruptcy

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counsel has no access to Debtor and has no standing to agree or disagree with the request to conduct discovery with third parties not involving testimony of debtor.

The Constitution does not require a stay of civil proceedings pending the outcome of parallel criminal proceedings. Federal Sav. And Loan Ins. Corp. v. Molinaro, 889 F.2d 899, 902 (9th Cir. 1989). But, a court may decide in its discretion to stay civil proceedings when the interests of justice require it. Keating v. Office of Thrift Supervision, 45 F.3d 322, 324 (9th Cir. 1995) citing Securities & Exchange Comm'n v. Dresser Indus., 628 F.2d 1368, 1375 (D.C.Cir.). The decision to stay civil proceedings should be made "in light of the particular circumstances and competing interests involved in the case." Molinaro, 889 F.2d at 902. A court should consider the extent to which a defendant's Fifth Amendment rights are implicated. Id. The following factors should also be considered: (1) the interest of the plaintiffs in proceeding expeditiously with this litigation or any particular aspect of it, and the potential prejudice to plaintiffs of a delay; (2) the burden which any particular aspect of the proceedings may impose on defendants; (3) the convenience of the court in the management of its cases, and the efficient use of judicial resources; (4) the interests of persons not parties to the civil litigation; and (5) the interest of the public in the pending civil and criminal litigation. *Id.* at 903.

Here, as Plaintiff acknowledges, a stay seems to be appropriate. Debtor is incarcerated and is awaiting trial in his criminal case. Proceeding with this adversary would likely implicate his Fifth Amendment rights. Plaintiff arguably would not be prejudiced by a temporary stay. This case was just filed. If Debtor is convicted, Plaintiff may not need extensive discovery or a trial because it may be able to use collateral estoppel to obtain a nondischargeability judgment. The burden on Debtor if this case is not stayed would be great. According to Mr. Hayes' declaration testimony, communications with Debtor are difficult because he is incarcerated. The convenience of the Court is not really implicated and a stay may result in a more efficient use of judicial resources because this action could potentially be resolved by a summary judgment motion. The interests of persons not parties to the civil litigation and the interests of the public are not implicated by a stay. The stay involves the discharge of

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### **CONT...** Joseph Francis Bartholomew

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one particular debt, and really just affects Plaintiff.

Plaintiff asks that the stay be conditioned and that it be able to conduct discovery to determine whether there are third parties who could also be liable for this debt. The conditions appear reasonable, and there is no reason to restrain discovery not involving direct testimony of the debtor.

Grant conditionally. Schedule review hearing in approximately 9 months. Discovery involving testimony of only third persons is not stayed.

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Represented By

Dana M Douglas

**Defendant(s):** 

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Represented By

M Jonathan Hayes

**Interested Party(s):** 

Courtesy NEF Represented By

M Jonathan Hayes

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Mainstreet Limited Ventures, LLC Represented By

Robert H Dewberry

**Trustee(s):** 

John M Wolfe (TR)

Represented By

David M Goodrich

John M Wolfe (TR) Pro Se

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

United States Trustee (SA) Pro Se

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8:14-13214 Korn Chapter 0

Adv#: 8:15-01105 Joseph Francis Bartholomew

#9.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Adversary Complaint: (1) To Except Debt From Discharge For False Pretense, False Representation, and/or Actual Fraud Pursuant To 11 USC §523(a)(2); (2) To Except Debt From Discharge For Willful and Malicious Injury Pursuant To 11 USC §523(2)(6)

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Docket 0

**Tentative Ruling:** 

Tentative for 11/10/16:

Status?

Tentative for 7/7/16:

Status Conference continued to July 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. The court needs a proposal as to how this matter should be scheduled.

Tentative for 10/29/15:

Status of service/default? See # 1-3.

### **Party Information**

### **Defendant(s):**

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Pro Se

Joseph Francis Bartholomew Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

John Korn Represented By

Michael B Kushner

Pamela Korn Represented By

Michael B Kushner

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John Korn Represented By

Michael B Kushner

Pamela Korn Represented By

Michael B Kushner

**Trustee(s):** 

John M Wolfe (TR) Pro Se

John M Wolfe (TR) Pro Se

**U.S.** Trustee(s):

United States Trustee (SA) Pro Se

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

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**8:14-17146** Susana E. Vagelatos

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:15-01147 Vagelatos v. Vagelatos

#10.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint to Determine Dischargeability of Debt Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(5) and (a)(15) (cont'd from 7-28-16)

Docket 1

### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16:

Status Conference continued to December 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The court expects an updated status report reflecting the state court's judgment and analysis as to how the adversary proceeding is affected.

Tentative for 7/28/16: Stay pending resolution of domestic relations trial. Continued status conference on November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Tentative for 3/31/16: Status Conference continued to July 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to allow for disposition of domestic court matter.
Tentative for 12/10/15: Status conference continued to March 31, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to allow for completion of trial in domestic court.
Tentative for 7/23/15: Why no status report?

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**CONT...** Susana E. Vagelatos

Chapter 7

Tentative for 6/25/15:

Status conference continued to July 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. In view of settlement efforts underway, continue to a holding date.

**Party Information** 

**Debtor(s):** 

Susana E. Vagelatos Represented By

William R Cumming

**Defendant(s):** 

Susana E. Vagelatos Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

John Vagelatos Represented By

Gary Leibowitz

**Trustee(s):** 

John M Wolfe (TR) Pro Se

John M Wolfe (TR) Pro Se

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

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8:13-11495 Point Center Financial, Inc.

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:15-01405 Saxony Land Company v. Grobstein

#11.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Verified Complaint for Declaratory Relief and Quiet Title; Demand for Jury Trial. (con't from 10-6-16)

Docket 1

### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16:

No tentative.

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Tentative for 10/6/16:

The court reads that the parties believe a continued status conference would be appropriate. Should this be in lieu of setting deadlines in early 2017?

Tentative for 6/30/16: Mediation status?

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Tentative for 1/14/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: July 16, 2016 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: July 29, 2016 Pre-trial conference on: August 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

Refer to mediation. Order appointing mediator to be lodged by plaintiff within 10 days. One day of mediation to be completed by July 1, 2016.

Given that neither side has consented to adjudication by final order of the USBC, is abstention appropriate?

#### **Party Information**

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**CONT...** Point Center Financial, Inc.

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**Debtor(s):** 

Point Center Financial, Inc. Represented By

Robert P Goe Jeffrey S Benice Carlos F Negrete

**Defendant(s):** 

Howard B Grobstein Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Saxony Land Company Represented By

Tomas A Ortiz

**Trustee(s):** 

Howard B Grobstein (TR)

Represented By

Rodger M Landau

Roye Zur

Kathy Bazoian Phelps John P Reitman Robert G Wilson Monica Rieder Jon L Dalberg Michael G Spector Peter J Gurfein

Howard B Grobstein (TR)

Pro Se

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

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8:15-13008 Anna's Linens, Inc.

Chapter 11

Adv#: 8:15-01438 Anna's Linens, Inc. v. American Textile Company

#12.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint for: (1) Avoidance and Recovery of Preferntial Transfers [11 USC Sections 547(b), 550(a), and 551]; and (2) Disallowance of Any Claims Held by Defendant [11 USC Section 502(d)] (cont'd from 9-29-16 per order approving stip. ent. 9-08-16)

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\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: CONTINUED TO 12-15-16 AT 10:00 A.M. PER ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION BETWEEN PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT TO EXTEND RESPONSE DATE TO COMPLAINT AND CONTINUE STATUS CONFERENCE ENTERED 10-25-16

### **Tentative Ruling:**

- NONE LISTED -

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Anna's Linens, Inc. Represented By

David B Golubchik Lindsey L Smith Eve H Karasik John-Patrick M Fritz Todd M Arnold Ian Landsberg Juliet Y Oh

**Defendant(s):** 

American Textile Company Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Anna's Linens, Inc. Represented By

Irving M Gross

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

United States Trustee (SA) Pro Se

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8:15-13008 Anna's Linens, Inc.

Chapter 11

Adv#: 8:15-01446 Anna's Linens, Inc. v. Lifetime Brands, Inc.

#13.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint for: (1) Avoidance and Recovery of Preferential Transfers [11 USC Sections 547(b), 550(a), and 551]; and (2) Disallowance of Any Claims Held by Defendant [11 USC Section 502(d)] (cont'd from 9-28-16)

Docket 1

### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16:

Status Conference continued to February 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to permit settlement preparation.

Tentative for 9/29/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: February 28, 2017 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: March 6, 2017 Pre-trial conference on: March 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

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Tentative for 2/4/16: Why no status report?

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Anna's Linens, Inc. Represented By

David B Golubchik Lindsey L Smith Eve H Karasik John-Patrick M Fritz Todd M Arnold Ian Landsberg Juliet Y Oh

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**Defendant(s):** 

Lifetime Brands, Inc.

Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Anna's Linens, Inc.

Represented By Irving M Gross

**U.S.** Trustee(s):

United States Trustee (SA)

Pro Se

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8:15-13008 Anna's Linens, Inc.

Chapter 11

Adv#: 8:15-01447 Anna's Linens, Inc. v. Revere Mills International Group, Inc.

#14.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint for: (1) Avoidance and Recovery of Preferential Transfers [11 USC Sections 547(b), 550(a), and 551]; and (2) Disallowance of Any Claims Held by Defendant [11 USC Section 502(d)] (cont'd from 8-25-16)

Docket 1

### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16:

Status Conference continued to February 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Tentative for 8/25/16:

Status conference continued to November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to accommodate documentation of settlement.

Tentative for 5/12/16:

Status conference continued to August 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

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Tentative for 2/4/16:

Why no status report?

### **Party Information**

### **Debtor(s):**

Anna's Linens, Inc. Represented By

David B Golubchik Lindsey L Smith Eve H Karasik John-Patrick M Fritz Todd M Arnold

Ian Landsberg

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**CONT...** Anna's Linens, Inc.

Chapter 11

**Defendant(s):** 

Revere Mills International Group,

Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Anna's Linens, Inc.

Represented By Irving M Gross

Juliet Y Oh

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

United States Trustee (SA)

Pro Se

## Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

5B

10:00 AM

8:13-11495 Point Center Financial, Inc.

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:16-01042 Howard Grobstein, as Chapter 7 trustee v. POINT CENTER MORTGAGE

#15.00

STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint for Avoidance and Recovery of Fraudulent Transfers or, in the Alternative, Avoidance and Recovery of Preferential Transfers (cont'd from 8-25-16)

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:** 

Tentative for 11/10/16:

No tentative.

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Tentative for 8/25/16:

Status conference continued to November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. with stay of proceedings extended in interim, per trustee's request.

Tentative for 5/5/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: October 1, 2016 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: October 24, 2016 Pre-trial conference on: November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

**Party Information** 

**Debtor(s):** 

Point Center Financial, Inc. Represented By

Robert P Goe Jeffrey S Benice Carlos F Negrete

**Defendant(s):** 

POINT CENTER MORTGAGE Pro Se

## Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

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**CONT...** Point Center Financial, Inc.

**Chapter 7** 

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Howard Grobstein, as Chapter 7 Represented By

Roye Zur

**Trustee(s):** 

Howard B Grobstein (TR)

Represented By

Rodger M Landau

Roye Zur

Kathy Bazoian Phelps John P Reitman Robert G Wilson Monica Rieder Jon L Dalberg

Michael G Spector Peter J Gurfein

Howard B Grobstein (TR) Pro Se

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

## Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

**5B** 

10:00 AM

8:15-15824 Michael Frederic Gellerman

Chapter 11

Adv#: 8:16-01186 Gellerman et al v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on behalf of the

#16.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint to Determine Nature and Extent of Federal Tax Lien

Docket 1

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: OFF CALENDAR - NOTICE OF DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT FILED 11-02-16

### **Tentative Ruling:**

- NONE LISTED -

### **Party Information**

### **Debtor(s):**

Michael Frederic Gellerman Represented By

Michael Jones Sara Tidd

**Defendant(s):** 

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Pro Se

**Joint Debtor(s):** 

Denise Walz Gellerman Represented By

Michael Jones Sara Tidd

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Michael Frederic Gellerman Represented By

Michael Jones

Denise Walz Gellerman Represented By

Michael Jones

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Thursday, November 10, 2016

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5B

10:00 AM

8:13-11495 Point Center Financial, Inc.

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:16-01043 Howard Grobstein, as Chapter 7 trustee v. Chase Bank USA, N.A., a

#17.00 PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE: Complaint for Avoidance and Recovery of

Fraudulent Transfers

(set from s/c hrg held on 5-5-16)

Docket 1

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: CONTINUED TO 3-23-2017 AT 10:00 A.M. PER ORDER ON STIPULATION TO EXTEND PRE-TRIAL DATES ENTERED 9-21-16

**Tentative Ruling:** 

Tentative for 5/5/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: October 1, 2016 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: October 24, 2016 Pre-trial conference on: November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

**Party Information** 

**Debtor(s):** 

Point Center Financial, Inc. Represented By

Robert P Goe Jeffrey S Benice Carlos F Negrete

**Defendant(s):** 

Chase Bank USA, N.A., a Delaware Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Howard Grobstein, as Chapter 7 Represented By

Roye Zur

**Trustee(s):** 

Howard B Grobstein (TR)

Represented By

Rodger M Landau

Roye Zur

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<u>10:00 AM</u>

**CONT...** Point Center Financial, Inc.

**Chapter 7** 

Kathy Bazoian Phelps John P Reitman Robert G Wilson Monica Rieder Jon L Dalberg Michael G Spector Peter J Gurfein

Howard B Grobstein (TR) Pro Se

**U.S.** Trustee(s):

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

5B

10:00 AM

**8:14-11655 Zohra Murtaza** 

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:14-01199 Slaten et al v. Murtaza

**#18.00** 

PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE: Complaint For Determination of Dischargeablity Of Debts Under 11 USC Section 523(a)(19) & 11 USC Section 523(a)(2)(A) and Complaint For Denial Of Discharge Under 11 USC Section 727 (a)(3, 11 USC Section 727(a)(4) and 11 USC Section 727(a)(4)(C) (con't from 9-15-16)

Docket 1

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16:

Court has signed the joint pre-trial order. Assign trial date.

Tentative for 9/15/16:

The court is disappointed that the parties have not made more of an effort to prepare a joint stipulation. The great bulk of the issues should already be in place from before the appeal. Only state of mind in making representations and in signing schedules would appear to be triable issues according to the BAP. Why cannot a single addendum to that effect be jointly signed?

Continue approximately 45 days to accomplish this.

Tentative for 7/28/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: completed?

Last date for filing pre-trial motions: September 2, 2016 Pre-trial conference on: September 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

#### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Zohra Murtaza

Represented By Qais Zafari

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

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CONT... Zohra Murtaza Chapter 7

Mogeeb Weiss

**Defendant(s):** 

Zohra Murtaza Represented By

Mogeeb Weiss

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Leslie Sigmund Represented By

Sally G Sopkin James A Hayes Jr

Joel Sigmund Represented By

Sally G Sopkin James A Hayes Jr

Shelley Slaten Represented By

Sally G Sopkin James A Hayes Jr

**Trustee(s):** 

Thomas H Casey (TR) Represented By

Thomas H Casey Kathleen J McCarthy

Thomas H Casey (TR) Pro Se

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

5B

10:00 AM

8:15-11244 Molly Lynn MaGuire

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:15-01233 MaGuire v. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University et al

#19.00 PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE: Amended Adversary Complaint

(amended complaint filed 11/16/15)

(set at s/c held 5-26-16)

Docket 34

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: CONTINUED TO 2-9-2017 AT 10:00 A.M. PER ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION TO CONTINUE PRE-TRIAL DATES AND DEADLINES ENTERED 9-8-16

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 5/26/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: October 1, 2016 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: October 17, 2016

Pre-trial conference on: November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

Refer to mediation. Order appointing mediator to be lodged by Defendant ECMC within 10 days. One day of mediation to be completed by October 1,

2016.

#### **Party Information**

**Creditor Atty(s):** 

Navient Solutions Inc. Represented By

Robert S Lampl

**Debtor(s):** 

Molly Lynn MaGuire Pro Se

**Defendant(s):** 

Educational Credit Management Represented By

Timothy P Burke

United States Department Of Pro Se

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Pro Se

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**CONT...** Molly Lynn MaGuire

**Chapter 7** 

Educational Credit Management Represented By

Timothy P Burke

**Interested Party(s):** 

NELNET, INC. Represented By

Jonathan C Sandler

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Molly Lynn MaGuire Pro Se

**Trustee(s):** 

Weneta M Kosmala (TR) Pro Se

Weneta M Kosmala (TR) Pro Se

**U.S.** Trustee(s):

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

5B

10:00 AM

8:15-13601 Joseph Wayne Shedarowich

**Chapter 7** 

Adv#: 8:15-01429 Marlow v. Shedarowich et al

#20.00 PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE: Complaint to Determine Dischargeability of Debt [11 USC sections 523(a)(2), (6) and 727(a)(2) and (3)] (cont'd from 10-6-16)

Docket 1

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16:

If the parties will upload an order, the court will enter a pre-trial order on the stipulation. Assign trial date.

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Tentative for 10/6/16:

Why no pretrial stip/order?

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Tentative for 8/4/16:

Where is the joint pre-trial stip/order?

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Tentative for 1/28/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: July 1, 2016 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: July 18, 2016 Pre-trial conference on: August 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

#### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Joseph Wayne Shedarowich Pro Se

**Defendant(s):** 

Cecilia Loreto Shedarowich Pro Se

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**CONT...** Joseph Wayne Shedarowich

**Chapter 7** 

Joseph Wayne Shedarowich Pro Se

**Joint Debtor(s):** 

Cecilia Loreto Shedarowich Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Charlaine Marlow Represented By

John J Gulino

**Trustee(s):** 

Richard A Marshack (TR)

Pro Se

Richard A Marshack (TR) Pro Se

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

### **Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding** Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

5B

10:00 AM

8:15-14828 John Trung Ngoc Nguyen Chapter 7

Western Heritage Insurance Company v. Nguyen Adv#: 8:16-01001

PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE: Complaint Objecting to Discharge #21.00 (11 U.S.C. Section 727(a)(2)(A); 727(a)(3); 727(a)(4); 727(a)(5)) (set at s/c held 5-26-16)

> Docket 1

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: CONTINUED TO MARCH 23, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. PER ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION TO EXTEND DISCOVERY DEADLINES AND PRE-TRIAL ENTERED 10/7/16

### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 5/26/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: October 1, 2016 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: October 17, 2016 Pre-trial conference on: November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

Refer to mediation if parties submit a stipulation and order.

Tentative for 3/24/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: August 31, 2016 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: September 12, 2016 Pre-trial conference on: September 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

Refer to mediation. Order appointing mediator to be lodged by plaintiff within 10 days. One day of mediation to be completed by August 1, 2016.

#### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

John Trung Ngoc Nguyen

Represented By Nguyen H Nhuan

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

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10:00 AM

**CONT...** John Trung Ngoc Nguyen

Chapter 7

**Defendant(s):** 

John Trung Ngoc Nguyen Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Western Heritage Insurance Represented By

David S Hagen

**Trustee(s):** 

Richard A Marshack (TR) Pro Se

Richard A Marshack (TR) Pro Se

**U.S.** Trustee(s):

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

5B

10:00 AM

8:13-11495 Point Center Financial, Inc.

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:16-01044 Howard B. Grobstein, Chapter 7 Trustee v. American Express Travel

#22.00 PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE: Complaint for Avoidance and Recovery of Fraudulent Transfers (cont'd from s/c hrg held on 5-5-16)

Docket 1

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16:

Continue to December 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Tentative for 5/5/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: October 1, 2016 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: October 24, 2016 Pre-trial conference on: November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

#### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Point Center Financial, Inc. Represented By

Robert P Goe Jeffrey S Benice Carlos F Negrete

#### **Defendant(s):**

American Express Centurion Bank Pro Se

American Express Bank, FSB Pro Se

American Express Travel Related Pro Se

American Express Company Pro Se

#### **Plaintiff(s):**

Howard B. Grobstein, Chapter 7 Represented By

Roye Zur

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10:00 AM

**CONT...** Point Center Financial, Inc.

**Chapter 7** 

**Trustee(s):** 

Howard B Grobstein (TR)

Represented By

Rodger M Landau

Roye Zur

Kathy Bazoian Phelps

John P Reitman Robert G Wilson Monica Rieder Jon L Dalberg Michael G Spector

Peter J Gurfein

Howard B Grobstein (TR)

Pro Se

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

United States Trustee (SA) Represented By

Frank Cadigan

Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

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**Hearing Room** 

5B

10:00 AM

8:13-11495 Point Center Financial, Inc.

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:16-01046 Howard B. Grobstein, Chapter 7 Trustee v. Harkey

#23.00 PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE: Complaint for Avoidance and Recovery of Pre-Petition Fraudulent Transfers or, in the Alternative, Avoidance and Recovery of

Preferential Transfers

(set from s/c hrg held on 5-5-16)

Docket 1

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: CONTINUED TO MARCH 16, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. PER ORDER ON STIPULATION TO EXTEND PRE-TRIAL DATES ENTERED 9/1/16

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 5/5/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: October 1, 2016 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: October 24, 2016 Pre-trial conference on: November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

#### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Point Center Financial, Inc. Represented By

Robert P Goe Jeffrey S Benice Carlos F Negrete

**Defendant(s):** 

Diane L. Harkey Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Howard B. Grobstein, Chapter 7 Represented By

Roye Zur

**Trustee(s):** 

Howard B Grobstein (TR)

Represented By

Rodger M Landau

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**CONT...** Point Center Financial, Inc.

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Roye Zur

Kathy Bazoian Phelps John P Reitman Robert G Wilson Monica Rieder Jon L Dalberg Michael G Spector Peter J Gurfein

Howard B Grobstein (TR) Pro Se

**U.S.** Trustee(s):

United States Trustee (SA) Represented By

Frank Cadigan

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

5B

10:00 AM

8:16-10160 Eric Duane Johnson

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:16-01111 Sykes v. Johnson

#24.00 PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE: Complaint to Determine Dischargeability of Debt Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(2) (cont'd from 9-28-16)

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:** 

Tentative for 11/10/16:

Settled? Is a dismissal appropriate?

Tentative for 9/29/16:

Continue to November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. as a holding date.

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Tentative for 7/7/16:

Deadline for completing discovery: September 1, 2016 Last day for filing pre-trial motions: September 19, 2016 Pre-Trial Conference: September 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Joint Pre-Trial Order due pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rules.

Refer to mediation. Order appointing mediator to be lodged by Plaintiff within

10 days. One day of mediation to be completed by Sept. 1, 2016.

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# Party Information

**Debtor(s):** 

Eric Duane Johnson Represented By

Anerio V Altman

**Defendant(s):** 

Eric Duane Johnson Pro Se

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**CONT...** Eric Duane Johnson

Chapter 7

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Leslie W. Sykes Represented By

Daniel J Cooper

**Trustee(s):** 

Thomas H Casey (TR) Pro Se

Thomas H Casey (TR) Pro Se

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

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10:00 AM

8:16-14196 Ali Maheri

Chapter 13

#24.10 Motion in Individual Case for Order Imposing a Stay or Continuing the Automatic Stay as the Court Deems Appropriate REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 26 BAYBERRY, IRVINE, CA.

(OST Signed 11-03-16)

Docket 11

### **Tentative Ruling:**

Opposition due at hearing?

#### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Ali Maheri Represented By

Anerio V Altman

**Trustee(s):** 

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR) Pro Se

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

5B

11:00 AM

**8:13-20028** Tara Jakubaitis

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:14-01007 Padilla, III v. Wecosign, Inc., et al

#25.00 Motion to Strike Plaintiff's Motion For Leave To Amend

Docket 105

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Defendants contend that they have been prejudiced by Plaintiff's failure to attach the amended complaint to his Motion for Leave to Amend. Defendants also rely on persuasive authority outside this circuit, arguing that courts have found that it is not an abuse of discretion to deny a motion to amend a complaint if the amended complaint is not filed.

Here, Defendants' arguments appear to have been rendered moot. Plaintiffs filed their first Motion for Leave to Amend on September 20, 2016. Defendants responded by filing this motion on October 7, 2016. On the same day (and less than five minutes apart), Defendant again filed a Motion for Leave to Amend with the amended complaint attached. Thus, any concerns voiced by Defendants are moot. Accordingly, the motion should be denied.

Deny.

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Tara Jakubaitis Represented By

Christopher P Walker

Fritz J Firman

Benjamin R Heston

#### **Defendant(s):**

Frank Jakubaitis Represented By

Fritz J Firman

Tara Jakubaitis Represented By

Fritz J Firman

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11:00 AM

CONT... Tara Jakubaitis Chapter 7

PNC National, Inc., Pro Se
Wecosign, Inc., Pro Se

Wecosign Services, Inc., Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Carlos Padilla III Represented By

Arash Shirdel

**Trustee(s):** 

Richard A Marshack (TR)

Represented By

Arash Shirdel

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

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11:00 AM

8:14-14529 Paul Edalat

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:14-01283 Weneta M.A. Kosmala, solely in her capacity as the v. Edalat et al

#26.00

STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint For: (1) Declaratory Relief that the Vehicles are Property of the Estate; (2) Turnover of the Vehicles Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 542(a); (3) Injunctive Relief Related to the Vehicles; (4) Declaratory Relief that the Interests in the Companies and Related Property Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 542(a); (6) Injunctive Relief Related to The Companies; (7) Declaratory Relief that the Memorabilia are Property of The Estate; (8) Turnover of the Memorabilia Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 542I(a); and (9) Injunctive Relief Related to The Memorabilia. (cont from 10-6-16)

Docket 1

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16:

Stipulation for entry of judgment regarding Mali Saatchi has been filed, with an order approving the stipulation entered on October 12, 2016. Still no disposition regarding O'Gara Coach Beverly Hills and Ed Bilezekchian. Should the case be dismissed as to these parties?

Tentative for 10/6/16:
What is the status regarding parties not involved in latest stipulation? Should the case as to them be dismissed?

Tentative for 7/28/16:
Is this resolved by the recent stipulation?

Tentative for 6/14/16:
Is this moot in view of #4?

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

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11:00 AM CONT... **Paul Edalat** Chapter 7 Tentative for 6/2/16: See #13. Tentative for 5/26/16: Status conference continued to June 2, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. to coincide with motion for judgment on the pleadings. What is the status on reported settlement? Tentative for 12/3/15: Status conference continued to February 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Tentative for 10/1/15: So, is this settled, or not? Tentative for 7/23/15: Status? Tentative for 1/14/15:

Deadline for completing discovery: May 30, 2015 Last date for filing pre-trial motions: June 15, 2015 Pre-trial conference on: June 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Joint pre-trial order due per local rules.

Refer to mediation. Order appointing mediator to be lodged by plaintiff within 10 days. One day of mediation to be completed by May 1, 2015.

## Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

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11:00 AM

CONT... Paul Edalat Chapter 7

**Debtor(s):** 

Paul Edalat Represented By

Dennis Winters

**Defendant(s):** 

Farah Barghi Pro Se

Mali Aatchi Pro Se

Ed Bilezekchian Pro Se

Paul Edalat Pro Se

O'Gara Coach Beverly Hills Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Weneta M.A. Kosmala, solely in her Represented By

Jeffrey I Golden

Trustee(s):

Weneta M Kosmala (TR) Pro Se

Weneta M Kosmala (TR) Pro Se

**U.S. Trustee(s):** 

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

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5B

11:00 AM

8:14-14529 Paul Edalat

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:14-01283 Weneta M.A. Kosmala, solely in her capacity as the v. Edalat et al

#27.00 Order to Show Cause Hearing

Docket 0

**Tentative Ruling:** 

Status?

**Party Information** 

**Debtor(s):** 

Paul Edalat Represented By

D Edward Hays Lisa G Salisbury

**Defendant(s):** 

Farah Barghi Represented By

D Edward Hays Jeffrey B Smith

Mali Aatchi Represented By

D Edward Hays Jeffrey B Smith

Ed Bilezekchian Pro Se

Paul Edalat Represented By

D Edward Hays

O'Gara Coach Beverly Hills Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Weneta M.A. Kosmala, solely in her Represented By

Jeffrey I Golden

Mehdi Khorasani Represented By

Lee H Durst - SUSPENDED -

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CONT... Paul Edalat Chapter 7

MK Investments, Inc Represented By

Lee H Durst - SUSPENDED -

**Trustee(s):** 

Weneta M Kosmala (TR) Represented By

Reem J Bello Jeffrey I Golden Faye C Rasch

### Judge Theodor Albert, Presiding Courtroom 5B Calendar

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Hearing Room** 

5B

11:00 AM

8:13-11495 Point Center Financial, Inc.

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:16-01160 Raymond E. Ponce, M.D., and Yolanda V. Ponce et al v. Dillon Ave 44,

#28.00 STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Notice of Removal of Action Under 28 U.S.C.

Section 1334(b) and 1452(a) and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027;

and Exhibits

(con't from 9-15-16 as to sanctions and explanation)

Docket 1

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 11/10/16:

Why no status report? Dismiss?

See #11 - Motion for Remand.

**Party Information** 

#### **Debtor(s):**

Point Center Financial, Inc. Represented By

Robert P Goe
Jeffrey S Benice
Carlos F Negrete

**Defendant(s):** 

Dan J Harkey Pro Se

Dillon Ave 44, LLC Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Raymond E. Ponce, M.D., and Pro Se

Harry E Friedman Pro Se

Sandra S Allen Pro Se

Tall Cotton, Inc. Pro Se

Nick Alex Dourbetas and Niki Pro Se

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Adv#: 8:16-01160 Raymond E. Ponce, M.D., and Yolanda V. Ponce et al v. Dillon Ave 44,

#29.00 Order to Show Cause RE: Sanctions Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1927 and/or The Court's Inherent Authority

Docket 0

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Raymond E. Ponce, M.D., et al. vs. Dillon Ave 44, LLC, et al., case no. PSC1602796, was initiated by the filing of a Complaint for Appointment of Receiver in Riverside Superior Court on June 13, 2016 (the "Receivership Action"). The Trustee removed the case to this court on June 16, 2016. The Trustee argues that the case was filed without authorization and in order to interfere with matters that were pending before this court at the time. At a hearing on September 15, 2016, the court denied a motion to remand the case and held a status conference. In the status conference the court dismissed the bulk of the case for failure to prosecute and issued this OSC.

Some brief background is in order. The Trustee on May 31, 2016 filed his motion in the bankruptcy case seeking confirmation that Debtor is the manager of Dillon Ave 44, LLC ("Dillon") retroactive to the petition date and authorizing him to assume Dillon's operating agreement; a hearing was set for June 21, 2016. This was only necessary because the estate had not timely assumed the management agreement with Dillon and so it was deemed rejected by operation of 11 U.S.C. §365, thus leaving the Trustee's continuing authority in question. Nevertheless, there was substantial support for reinstating the debtor as manager from the members of Dillon as expressed in written consents obtained by Mr. Gomberg. The Receivership Action was filed on June 13, 2016 in the Palm Springs division of the Riverside Superior Court. This was clearly designed to somehow thwart the pending motion and to keep the Trustee from assuming management by installing a receiver instead. Apparently, Mr. Benice's office at the behest of Mr. Harkey orchestrated the filing not only of the Receivership Action, but an *ex parte* stipulated order to appointment of a receiver

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entered in the Riverside Superior Court on or about June 15. The Superior Court granted the stipulation because it believed it was not contested. Steven Speier was named in the Superior Court's order to act as receiver, but he declined to serve due to a conflict (and according to the Harkey side, under threats from the Trustee). The next day the Receivership Action was removed to this court by the Trustee. The Dillon motion was granted at the hearing on June 21, 2016.

The Trustee argues the Receivership Action was filed without the consent of the ten named plaintiffs or Susanne Cumming, who is listed as counsel on the complaint. Ms. Cumming testifies in her declaration that she never received a retainer agreement from the named plaintiffs; she did not participate in the drafting or preparation of the complaint and saw the complaint for the first time after it was filed. [Cumming Declaration, ¶¶ 5-6] Ms. Cumming states that she agreed to sign a joint stipulation to appoint a receiver only because her name was already on the complaint and Mr. Benice represented that the parties had agreed to her representation. [Id. at ¶ 7] Ms. Cumming has never met any of the plaintiffs or Mr. Harkey. [Id. at ¶ 8] Ms. Cumming states that she had wanted to substitute out of the case but could not after it was removed and that her attempts to discuss substituting out of the case with Mr. Benice have been ignored. [Id. at ¶14] In exchange for her cooperation with providing a declaration and returning the \$1,500 she was paid by Dillon, the Trustee has agreed not to pursue sanctions against Ms. Cumming, although he acknowledges that the final decision belongs to the court. But Ms. Cumming's testimony is undercut substantially by her own billing statement where she indicates that she both discussed the complaint (at least in general terms) with Mr. Benice on 6/8 and that she reviewed the complaint on 6/10 (before it was filed) for which she charged one hour. How this might be consistent with her declaration testimony is unclear. She also describes reviewing and signing the ex parte Application for appointment of a receiver on 6/15, for which she charged another hour. See Exhibit "B" to Benice Declaration. She admits to signing the stipulation.

It is also somewhat unclear whether Mr. Benice (or Ms. Cummings) had authority from all of the plaintiffs (or at least anyone but Dr. Ponce) to actually file the

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complaint. Mr. Harkey appears to have had some email communications with the plaintiffs about the possibility of filing a complaint, but there is only fragmentary evidence that actual approval was ever received or that the plaintiffs knew that Ms. Cumming was being retained to represent them (as opposed, for example, to Ms. Conroy). Dr. Ponce testifies he knew all about it and authorized the filings.

The Trustee argues for heavy sanctions: that Mr. Benice should be ordered to compensate Dillon for all of its fees and costs from May 31, 2016 to entry of a sanctions order, that he should be disbarred for his bad faith conduct and should be ordered to file a copy of any order entered imposing sanctions along with findings in all future proceedings in which he is involved. The Trustee also requests that the court make factual findings regarding Mr. Benice's bad faith and remand the Receivership Action to the Riverside Superior Court to consider whether it wishes to take any disciplinary action. The Trustee offers as authority 28 U.S.C. § 1927 or the court's inherent powers.

Mr. Benice argues that the court does not have subject matter jurisdiction over this proceeding and that the Trustee makes factual misrepresentations. The court has already addressed the issue of its jurisdiction over this case in its tentative on the motion to remand or abstain heard on September 15, 2016. On that occasion the court stated:

This Riverside action is at least "related to" but more probably "arises under" a Title 11 case or at least "arises in" a Title 11 proceeding as well. The fact of the matter is that there is a June 29 order of this court right on point on the Dillon management issue, and the controversy arises largely because of the effect of the "deemed rejected" aspects of 11 U.S.C. §365(d), a question uniquely of Title 11 bankruptcy law.

So, the court has general jurisdiction over this case within the meaning of 28 United States Code.. But the real questions are: (1) whether the court *should* exercise that jurisdiction because most of the arguably offensive behavior occurred in state court proceedings and (2) whether sanctions are indicated for bad faith, vexatious or

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obstructive behavior under federal law.

28 U.S.C. §1927 is not a sturdy basis for imposing sanctions. First, there is substantial question whether the bankruptcy court is a "Court of the United States" for purposes of this statute. See e.g. *In re Courtesy Inns, Ltd., Inc.*, 40 F. 3d 1084, 1086 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994) citing *Perroton v. Gray (In re Perroton)*, 958 F. 2d 889, 893-96 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1992). Second, federal courts cannot usually sanction under §1927 for conduct occurring only before the state court even where the matter is then later removed to federal court. *GRiD Sys. Corp.v, John Fluke Mfg. Co.*, 41 F. 3d 1318, 1319 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994).

But the court's inherent power and/or LBR 2090-2(b) are sturdier bases for sanctions. *Price v. Lehtinen (In re Lehtinen)* 564 F. 3d 1052, 1058 (9th Cir. 2009). A bankruptcy court has the inherent power to sanction bad faith or willful misconduct, even in the absence of express statutory authority. *Id.* citing *Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 43, 111 S.Ct. 2123 (1991). Before imposing sanctions under its inherent authority, a court must make an explicit finding of bad faith or willful misconduct. *Id.* Because of their potency, the inherent powers must be exercised with restraint and discretion. *Id.* at 1059. A primary aspect of the discretion is the ability to create an appropriate sanction for conduct that abuses the judicial process. *Chambers*, 501 U.S. at 45. A court may assess attorney's fees when a party has "acted in bad faith, vexatiously, wantonly, or for oppressive reasons." *Id.* at 45-46. If a court finds that "fraud has been practiced upon it, or that the very temple of justice has been defiled," it may assess attorney's fees against the party. *Id.* at 46. A court may also assess attorney's fees where a party "shows bad faith by delaying or disrupting the litigation or by hampering enforcement of a court order." *Id.* at 46.

The trouble here is that the court is just not convinced that what was done here was that vexatious or wanton *vis à vis the bankruptcy court*. True, it was a transparent maneuver and an effort to head off the reinstallation of the Trustee as manager of Dillon. But the order obtained under questionable circumstances appointing a receiver was never implemented, and the Receivership Action was promptly removed. So it cannot even really be said that there was interference with an order of this court not

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yet entered, much less damages therefrom. There is not much question that members of Dillon had a right to recourse for their disputes over rightful management before a court of law, such as the Superior Court. Dillon is not property of the estate, and the only arguable property of the estate involved was the management rights which had, as of these events, ostensibly been rejected for failure to assume under §365. So it is by no means clear that the members of Dillon would have been obligated to seek redress from this court. The hyperbole about installing a receiver so that Messrs. Benice and Harkey could continue stealing money is belied by the very remedy sought, i.e. installation of a receiver whose very job is to preserve estate funds as an arm of the court. No credible evidence is offered that somehow the receiver would have been unable to put a stop to any alleged pilfering.

The more serious charges have to do with attorney misconduct or unethical behavior, such as filing a lawsuit without clear authority of the named plaintiff, or without a retainer agreement, or, allegedly, authorizing persons to file documents using a lawyer's signature and identifying numbers without that lawyer's actual review in advance or at all. But even these issues are disputed factually. At least one point does however concern this court gravely; since when is it proper and ethical to file an action before a court and offer a purported "stipulation" while concealing material issues from that court, such as the pendency not only of this bankruptcy but of a the Trustee's motion to reinstate his management over Dillon to be heard only days later? Or of the fact that a much greater percentage of membership had already undertaken to reinstall the Trustee, yet no effort was made to even notice these parties or to inform the Superior Court of same? Cal. Bus.and Prof. Code § 6068(d) provides:

"It is the duty of an attorney to do all of the following:

(d) To employ, for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to him or her those means only as are consistent with truth, and never to seek to mislead the judge or any judicial officer by an artifice or false statement of fact or law."

Ca. Rules of Prof'l Conduct, Rule 5-200, Rule 5-200 Trial Conduct provides:

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"In presenting a matter to a tribunal, a member:

- o (A) Shall employ, for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to the member such means only as are consistent with truth;
- o (B) Shall not seek to mislead the judge, judicial officer, or jury by an artifice or false statement of fact or law;
- o (C) Shall not intentionally misquote to a tribunal the language of a book, statute, or decision;
- o (D) Shall not, knowing its invalidity, cite as authority a decision that has been overruled or a statute that has been repealed or declared unconstitutional; and
- o (E) Shall not assert personal knowledge of the facts at issue, except when testifying as a witness."

"It is settled that concealment of material facts is just as misleading as explicit false statements, and accordingly, is misconduct calling for discipline." *Di Sabatino v. The State Bar*, 27 Cal. 3d 159, 162-63, (1980).

This court believes the Superior Court may well take umbrage at this behavior, but that is a decision best left to that tribunal. That court to vindicate its own dignity and to enforce the Rules of Conduct governing practice in California, may consider sanctions. But this question should be remanded to the Riverside Superior Court.

Deny. Remand remaining sanctions question to Superior Court.

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